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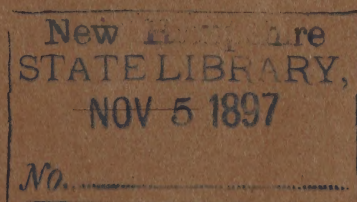
Superintending School Committee,

OF THE TOWN OF

STRATHAM, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1886,



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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,
RICHARD M. SCAMMON.

TOWN CLERK,
JOSEPH S. STAPLES.

SELECTMEN,
JAMES E. ODELL, GEORGE E. GOWEN,
GEORGE W. BOWLEY.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JOHN J. SCAMMON.

TOWN TREASURER,
JOSEPH S. STAPLES.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
HEZEKIAH H. LEAVITT.

AUDITORS,
JAMES W. ROLLINS, SAMUEL S. CHASE.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Account of Collector, H. H. Leavitt, 1885.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection.

State, County, Town and School tax,	\$4178 22
School house tax,	703 76
Non-resident tax,	231 69
“ School house tax,	16 28
“ Highway tax,	33 39
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	\$5163 34

Collector Leavitt's discharge :

Non-resident, highway tax worked out,	\$ 7 44
Discount,	82 50
Collector's services,	75 00
Paid Treasurer in cash,	4692 00
Uncollected taxes for 1885,	306 40
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	\$5163 34

STRATHAM, Feb. 23, 1886.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector H. H. Leavitt, and find them rightly cast and well vouched.

JAMES W. ROLLINS, }
SAMUEL S. CHASE, } Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Treasurer, Joseph S. Staples, cash receipts.

Received of Treasurer of 1884.	\$ 626 97
Collector of 1884,	180 00
“ H. H. Leavitt,	4692 00
T. W. Taylor, rent of town hall for 1884,	5 58
J. P. Elkins, from estate of Charles Kelley,	171 13
J. E. Odell, on treasurer's note,	200 00
State railroad tax,	204 09
Savings bank tax,	821 96
Literary fund,	68 93
Bounty on woodchucks.	16 20
County treasurer, expense of poor,	253 75
Edgar N. Smith, rent of town hall,	19 63
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	\$7260 24

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

Paid E. H. Calkins, for work on Town Hall,	\$4 85
J. D. P. Wingate, printing town reports,	24 00
J. J. Scammon, one cord pine wood,	3 50
M. Hanley, abatement on cow,	23
G. W. Chase, painting horse sheds and distributing town reports,	4 50
Geo. Tuck, loss sheep by dogs,	38 92
N. Ramsdell, abatement on horse,	42
Geo. Wingate, loss sheep by dogs,	10 00
Geo. Tuck, loss sheep by dogs in 1885,	16 08
J. L. Jewell, abatement poll tax in 1884,	77
Geo. L. Brownell, for hearse,	363 40
D. P. Batchelder, in part for hearse house,	100 00
G. C. Brown, bounty on woodchucks,	1 10
County tax 1885,	1590 20
Geo. Bowley, freight on hearse,	11 60
D. P. Batchelder, balance for hearse house,	70 00

Paid G. E. Gowen, bounty on woodchucks,	6 10
N. M. Jewell, for harness, &c.,	40 00
S. Severance, for sheep killed by dogs,	16 50
E. B. Jewell, two tons coal,	12 50
“ watering trough,	3 00
George Bowley, cash paid out for bounty on woodchucks,	3 30
J. E. Odell, cash paid bounty on woodchucks,	4 10
State tax, 1885,	1284 00
J. Carlisle, repairs on furnace at town hall,	21 60
F. H. Burleigh, “ “ “	14 32
J. W. Odell, returns of births and deaths,	2 00
W. O. Junkins, “ “ “	1 75
Noah Young, cord wood,	3 00
A. N. Rollins, watering trough,	3 00
G. W. Chase, services as Selectman after Auditing,	4 00
J. E. Odell, note and interest,	208 33
J. S. Staples, services as Treasurer, and going to Concord and Portsmouth to pay State and County taxes,	31 00
J. S. Staples, services as Town Clerk and postage,	20 30
Geo. A. Wiggin, abatement of tax,	1 05
J. H. Batchelder, for tax and Collector's books, &c.,	3 15
J. E. Odell, services as Selectman,	57 85
Geo. E. Gowen, “ “ “	41 00
Geo. W. Bowley, “ “ “	34 00
Heirs of Chas. Lane, abatement of tax,	6 84
Robert Mason, abatement of tax 1885,	5 33
N. E. Norton, for watering trough,	3 00
J. T. Smart, abatement on real estate,	6 23
Geo. W. Chase, abatement on horse and cow,	1 15
Auditors Chase and Rollins,	6 00
John J. Scammon, Supt. of Schools,	26 19
J. H. Batchelder, for school books,	2 80
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	\$4112 96

TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid Sarah Philpot for her support	\$78 00
“ John Rundlett for his “	7 00
“ N. H. Asylum for Geo. O. Wiggin	223 15
“ J. S. Staples supplies for Stephen Philpot	63 50
“ Supplies for Mrs. Mason	42 04
“ “ Albert P. Smith	12 04
“ “ Jerry Jones	3 00
“ S. C. Foss care and expenses for William Cate	48 80
“ Geo. L. Barker care Wm. Cate	9 00
“ D. N. Wiggin “ “	5 00
“ Dr. W. O. Junkins care Wm. Cate	25 75
“ Levi Barker supplies and care Wm. Cate	1 60
“ Dr. W. O. Junkins vaccination of poor	6 00
“ Dr. J. W. Odell services for Stephen Philpot	6 00
“ Jenness Brown wood for Mrs. P. Smith	12 50
“ “ “ Mrs. Mason	11 00

 \$554 38
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid W. L. Barker for breaking roads	1 20
“ J. J. Scammon “	22 20
“ D. Jewell “	10 40
“ F. H. Burleigh “	2 92
“ “ “	45
“ Chas. Jones “	9 50
“ E. B. Jewell lumber for bridge	9 90
“ George Parkman work on road	3 75
“ J. F. Dodge breaking road	8 55
“ S. Dame “	1 05
“ S. Dame and J. S. Brewster	1 50

Paid S. C. Foss breaking roads	2 47
“ L. G. Otis building wall against O. French and Mr. Thompson	40 00
“ G. W. Bowley grading road	50 70
“ W. Winn breaking roads	1 75
“ “ work on highway	1 02
“ Geo. W. Parkman surveyor for work	6 60
“ J. W. Marsh “	3 75
“ J. Brown surveyor of clearing highway	2 00
“ C. J. Brewster surveyor for breaking roads	7 05
“ Wm. Robie surveyor for work on roads	2 94
“ “ “ breaking roads	5 97
“ D. Mahoney work on highway	90
“ G. W. Bowley breaking roads	3 05
“ H. Scammon abatement highway tax	77
“ David Jewell breaking roads	4 20
“ “ repairing “	3 20
“ Otis French breaking roads	4 05
“ J. T. Smart plank	3 40
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	\$215 24

SCHOOLS.

Paid L. G. Otis for benefit of School Dist. No. 1	213 00
“ Geo. A. Wiggin “ “ “ 2	320 30
“ Geo. E. Gowen “ “ “ 3	303 49
“ A. A. Batchelder “ “ “ 4	273 57
“ J. E. Odell amount raised in Dist. No. 2	500 00
“ G. A. Wiggin repairs on school house in Dist. No. 2	25 00
“ Geo. E. Gowen insurance on school house and improvements in Dist. No. 3	80 00
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	\$1715 36

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by Treasurer,		\$7,260 24
Paid outstanding demands and sundry		
expenses,	\$4,112 96	
Highways and Bridges,	215 24	
Town and County Poor,	554 38	
Schools,	1,715 36	
Cash on hand,	662 30	
	————	\$7260 24

Stratham, Feb. 23rd. 1886.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and well vouched, and a balance of six hundred and sixty-two dollars and thirty cents in his hands, (\$662 30.)

J. W. ROLLINS, }
S. S. CHASE. } Auditors.

TOWN DEBT.

Statment of Town Debt, Feb. 23, 1886.

Money due School district No. 1,	\$162 24
Land damage and other unpaid bills, estimated,	300 00
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	\$462 24

Means of payment.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$662 30
Uncollected taxes of 1885,	306 40
" " 1884,	24 67
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	\$993 37
Balance in favor of town,	\$531 13

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Town of Stratham, to J. E. Odell, Dr.

1885 :

Mar. 14,	To notifying Commissioners pauper case,	\$ 2 00
16, 17,	In session, preparing blanks, settling bills, &c.,	3 00
Apr. 14, 15,	In session,	3 00
20,	To attending to wants of the poor,	1 50
28,	Town business,	1 50
30,	settling with Commissioners,	1 50
May 1, 2, 7, 14,	making assessment, appointments, etc.,	6 00
"	To notifying Commissioners, pauper case,	2 00
23,	one-half day in session,	75
	Town business, care of poor,	75
	making taxes, Town, County, State, school and highway,	10 00
	making district taxes by vote of town,	4 00
29, 30,	" taxes, by vote of districts, preparing and delivering collector's and surveyor's books,	4 00
		2 50
June 1,	one-half day in session	75
2,	business in Portsmouth with Commissioners,	2 00
Aug. 24,	notifying No. Hampton to perambulate	50
25,	A. P. Smith, to quell tumult,	75
Oct. 15, 27,	two days perambulating,	4 00
	cash paid C. C. Barton, assistance,	1 00
Dec. 4,	pauper business,	1 50
	regulating jury box,	75

1886 :

Jan. 27,	settling with Commissioners,	1 00
Feb. 13, 20,	two half days in session,	1 50
23,	one day in session,	1 50

Received payment,	\$57 65
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J. E. ODELL.

 Town of Stratham, to George E. Gowen, Dr.

1885 :

Mar. 9, Delivering reports,	\$1 00
16, 17, Preparing blanks,	3 00
18, Delivering " "	1 50
April 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, taking inventory,	10 00
2, drawing jury,	50
15, 16, recording blanks,	1 50
May, making assessment,	6 00
20, express on hearse cover,	50
23, 29, locating hearse house,	1 00
30, preparing Surveyors books, and appointing same,	2 50
Aug. 26, to Exeter, case of Mrs. Smith,	1 50
Sept. 26, town business,	1 00
Oct. 3, jury meeting,	50
15, running town line, Exeter,	1 50
19, town business,	1 50
27, perambulating town line North Hampton,	1 50
30, Exeter, furnace,	1 00
Dec. 15, regulating jury box,	75

1886 :

Feb. 6, filling vacancy highway surveyor,	75
making returns to town clerk,	50
20, making warrant,	75
13, in session, town hall,	75
23, " " "	1 50

 \$ 41 00

Received Payment,

GEORGE E. GOWEN.

Town of Stratham, to G. W. Bowley, Dr.

1885 :		
Mar. 16, to 1 day in session,		\$1 50
17, " "		1 50
18, distributing inventory blanks,		1 00
April 2, attending jury meeting,		50
2, 3, 6, 7 and 9, to taking inventory,		10 00
14, to half day in session,		75
15, " "		75
May 1, one day in session,		1 50
2, " making assessment,		1 50
7, and 14 to making assessment,		3 00
16, to Exeter depot for town hearse,		1 00
23, half day on town business,		75
30, perparing Surveyors books,		1 50
June 1, to hall and distributing Surveyors books,		1 00
Aug. 25, attending to wants of poor,		50
Oct. 3, " jury meeting,		50
15, Perambulating line between Exeter and Stratham,	1 50	
27, " Stratham and North		
Hampton,	1 50	
Dec. 15, half day in session,		75
1886 :		
Feb. 13, half day at hall,		75
20, " "		75
Feb. 23, session at Town Hall,		1 50
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		\$34 00

Received payment,

GEO. W. BOWLEY.

VOTED BY THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

Votes passed by the town at the annual meeting, March 10, 1885.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint Highway Surveyors, and all other necessary town Officers.

Voted to raise the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in addition to the amount required by law for the support of schools.

Voted to raise the sum of two hundred dollars for the use of the town the current year.

Voted to raise the sum of six hundred dollars for the repair of highways.

Voted that the Town Hall be let to parties in town without charge, running expenses excepted.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

L. G. Otis, Prudential Committee.

The Spring term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Sarah K. Page, an experienced teacher, who apparently had the good will of her pupils and labored hard for their success. Twenty scholars were present at the close, showing as much improvement as could be expected in so short a time. Four scholars were neither absent nor tardy for the term; the average attendance being two less than the whole number registered. A short term.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Olive E. Freese, of Deerfield, a lady of easy manners, even disposition, with a happy faculty of governing her pupils by showing an affection for each and every scholar. In this manner she at once gained their love and esteem and retained it during the term of ten weeks. The entire school of twenty-six scholars were present at the final examination, all acquitting themselves creditably and to the satisfaction of the twenty visitors present. Five scholars were neither absent nor tardy for the term. Good improvement was made in the branches taught, and general satisfaction to the district was the result.

The Winter term was commenced by Miss Nannie Moore, who resigned her position at the end of nineteen days. After

a vacation of three weeks it was continued by Mr. A. W. Richards, of South Newmarket, a former teacher of this school, with years of experience in addition to his previous ability and success. With this live and ingenious instructor this school, composed of scholars of ambition and energy, together with their anxiety and ability to excel, cannot fail to make rapid progress and recover, as far as may be, their former standing. This term is to continue several weeks and all interested are invited to make frequent visits to the school-room, and no doubt will be heartily welcomed by the instructor, and agreeably entertained by the school. Secure good teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Geo. A. Wiggin, Prudential Committee.

This school of fourteen scholars has been taught by Miss Clara E. Kimball, of Kensington, for the past two years. It was a model of success from the beginning to the close, school-room clean and neat, and the scholars dilligent, orderly and attentive. The teacher discharging her duties with apparent ease, seemingly with but one object in view, that to aid and assist her pupils in their various studies. At the close of the winter term forty visitors consisting of parents, citizens and friends, with myself, were very agreeably entertained while listening to the school exercises, intermingled with declamations, select readings, &c., showing in many ways good home and school culture, great care, retentive memory and improvement in every study. The teacher was the recipient of a handsome present from her pupils, presented by Master Harry M. Staples in behalf of the school, which was a perfect surprise and fully appreciated by their much loved and devoted teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

G. E. Gowen, Prudential Committee.

This school of thirty-two weeks was taught by Miss F. B. Smith, of West Newbury, Mass. Miss Smith commenced her school with a full determination to make it a success. At the several visits of your committee the scholars were orderly and well-behaved. At first the recitations were of a dull, prosy

nature, rendered in an almost inaudible tone, but later this difficulty was overcome. There were thirty-six pupils present at our last visit, all as interested in their studies as could be expected of a school nearly one-half of which are scholars of the primary classes. The recitations were given in a firm and decisive manner showing such improvements as can only be accomplished by diligence and interest on the part of the pupils and teacher, and that the teacher had left no duty undone but had labored assiduously for the good of her school. There were eighteen scholars not absent for a term, and three neither absent nor tardy for the year. This school is still in session to continue several weeks, and parents, friends and citizens are invited to visit and judge for themselves whether or not it has been properly reported. Duty is success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

A. A. Batchelder, Prudential Committee.

The Spring and Fall terms were in charge of Miss C. A. Churchill, of Deerfield, an experienced teacher who has taught for two or more years in this district. A harmonious feeling existed between teacher and scholar, all well disposed. The teacher doing her best for the interest of the school both large and small. At the close of the Fall term a review of the general exercises showed improvement and thoroughness on the part of the pupils, and that the teacher had arduously labored for the welfare of her school. Eight scholars were neither absent nor tardy for a term.

Miss Emma A. Batchelder, teacher for the winter term, a resident of the district and former pupil of the school. This was Miss Batchelder's first term in the district and her anxiety for its prosperity and success was evident from her faithful labor to secure a good school. A genial feeling was manifest between the teacher and her pupils, the order was good, school-room clean and neat and her scholars made commendable progress during the term. Three were neither absent nor tardy for the term. The average attendance was two less than the whole number. Parents should visit the schools.

REMARKS.

In making a review of our schools for the past year we find District No. 1 composed of twenty-five active boys and girls of good mental capacity and anxious to excel, although they have suffered somewhat through a frequent change of teachers. But we think under its present management the ante-room and school-room will cease to resemble a work-shop as was formerly indicated by the chips, and other commodities scattered promiscuously upon the floors. No. 2 has been in good hands with fourteen perfectly quiet, well-behaved pupils, showing good training and a general disposition for the right. Although small in number, and some young in years, that same gentlemanly and lady-like deportment is apparent, for which this school has long been noted. How the vacant seats are to be filled in the near future is a mystery as yet unsolved. No. 3 has thirty-five as pretty, well-dressed, intelligent boys and girls as ever adorned a school-room, many of them small, but all active and busy. "Yankees find some duty still for little hands to do." Let all parents who think this teacher's task a light one, take this little group to keep quiet, coupled with twenty or thirty recitations and three times that number of questions and wants, and see if mother's patience will not almost cease to be a virtue, and father's ingenuity taxed to its uttermost and he be led to exclaim, "Job never saw the like." No 4 has nineteen scholars, well-behaved, orderly and well-disposed, but not all with diligence and enthusiasm sufficient to reach that degree of attainment to which they are entitled. This school needs a live teacher, a good disciplinarian, energetic and ambitious, coupled with wisdom and ingenuity to awaken them from the lethargic state into which they have fallen. Then they will show for themselves what their merits and home training deserve.

While we admit that a stupid lawyer will cause our defeat, a careless physician consign us to the tomb, an insufficient board of town officers cause us financial ruin and disgrace, knowing this, should we entrust the foundation of the education of our children to incompetent, indifferent persons. We have no children but are worthy of good instruction, and so long as the selection of teachers is left to any one who may happen to want or can be found to accept it, just so long we shall have poor schools. We forget the selection of those to whom we would entrust the education of our children is the foundation of the school, and that indifferent, incompetent management will cause them to grow up uneducated.

If you would eradicate the evil, strike at the root and select none but those for Prudential Committees and Boards of Education in whose hands you are willing to give the care of those you love. As the teacher so is the school, supervision is of no avail, no matter how well rendered, with disqualified and unworthy teachers.

That same degree of interest is manifest by parents and friends of education that has characterized them in years past by their hearty co-operation with teachers, the punctuality of their children, and the small number of absentee and tardy marks indicated by the registers. Thanks to the pupils for their devotion to the school and interest taken to increase their roll of honor. Soon the youth of our schools will be called upon to occupy positions of trust in both public and private affairs of state, nation and individual enterprise. May they be enabled to perform the duties with honor and credit to themselves, justice to their parents and guardians, showing that the teaching of former teachers was not time ill-spent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCAMMON.

Income from literary fund,	\$68 93
School money raised by town,	1228 67
Whole amount of school money,	1297 60
District No. 1,	375 24
2,	345 30
3,	303 49
4,	273 57

Text-books used.—Franklin's Reader, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Harper's Geography, Barnes' History, Worcester's Speller, Robinson's Algebra, Wells' Shorter Course in Grammar, Meservey's Book-keeping, Hutchinson's Physiology, Harper's Copy Books.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy during the term:

District No. 1.—*Mary E. Dean, *Ella B. Dean, Lizzie W. Wiggin, Elsie B. Tuttle, John E. Chase, *Fred E. Otis, Annie H. Parkman, Nellie E. Parkman.

District No. 2.—*Mary H. Hanley, *Mortie B. Hanley, S. Josie Roby, Margie Smart, True J. Roby, Asa Mason.

District No. 3.—John A. Cragg, John French, (FRANK H. BARBER,) Clarence E. Gowen, M. Belle French, *Grace E. Gowen, *Helen P. Gowen, Viola I. Jewell, *Neva B. Marsh, Anna E. Thompson, Ralph Barker, Ridgley Marsh, May I. Gowen.

Not absent.—Arthur H. Jewell, Vesta E. Jewell, Hattie L. Jewell, Willard Barker. Henry L. Jewell, Gilbert E. Thompson, Bertie E. Dixon.

District No. 4.—Amy M. Smith, Eddie C. Batchelder, Charlie E. Wiggin, Jennie Wentworth, Alvina Marston, Eddie S. Marston, Prentice Wiggin, Charlie Lane.

*Not absent nor tardy for the year. Those in capitals not absent for four years.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

Districts	1	2	3	4	
No. weeks in Summer term,	8	9	8	9	34
“ “ Fall “	10	12	10	10	42
“ “ Winter “		9	14	11	
Average attendance Summer,	19	12	27	18	76
“ “ Fall,	25	13	29	18	85
“ “ Winter,	26	12	34	19	91
Wages male teachers per mo.	\$45				\$45
“ female “ “	\$35	\$40	\$32	\$32	\$139
Whole No. Scholars Summer,	21	18	30	20	89
“ “ “ Fall,	27	15	35	19	96
“ “ “ Winter,	26	14	38	21	99
Average expense of each pupil during the year,	\$16.08	\$28	\$10.12	\$14.92	
Average number minutes for each pupil daily,	14	27	11	18	
Visits by Superintending Com.,	9	6	6	8	29
“ Prudential Com.,	0	0	1	4	5
“ Parents and others,	58	98	14	45	215
No. scholars in Arithmetic,	27	19	18	16	80
“ “ Reading,	29	25	34	25	113
“ “ Spelling,	29	25	34	24	112
“ “ Penmanship,	23	19	22	23	87
“ “ Grammar,	12	9	10	7	38
“ “ Geography,	23	14	13	15	65
“ “ Composition,	23	6	10	7	46
“ “ History,	11	4	2	5	22
“ “ Physiology,	5	6	0	4	15
“ “ Algebra,	1	4	2	1	8
“ “ Book-keeping,	4	1	0	0	5
“ “ Vocal music,	21	0	0	21	42

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